GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1626
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2003
FAST TRACK COURTS
TRILOCHAN KANUNGO

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for setting up of fast track courts;

(b) the FTCs opened during each of the last three years;

(c) the specific facilities provided in the fast track courts; and

(d) the number of FTCs proposed to be opened during 2003-2004, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTISCE (SHRI P.C.THOMAS)

(a) Keeping in view the huge pendency of cases in subordinate judiciary, the Eleventh Finance Commissionrecommended setting up of 1734 fast track courts primarily to dispose of sessions cases pending for more than two years and above.

(b) A Statement showing the number of fast track courts opened in last three years is placed at Annexe.

(c) The fast track courts have been conceived as additional courts with all facilities to try the pending sessions cases at the district level.

(d) The Eleventh Finance Commission had recommended to set up 1734 fast track courts in the country.Out of this, 1401 courts have been notified and 1136 have been made functional. All the state governments have been advised to set up the remaining fast track courts by 31 st December, 2003 as directed by the Supreme Court.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1626 TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER, 2003:

Sl.No.	Name of the State	From 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001	From 1.1.2002 to 30.11.2002	From 1.12.2002 to 30.11.2003
1.	Andhra Pradesh	22	24	14
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3	0	0
3.	Assam	15	0	5
4.	Bihar	37	73	2
5.	Chhattisgarh	11	12	8
6.	Goa	1	0	0
7	Gujarat	36	0	25
8.	Haryana	5	1	6
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	9#	0	0
11.	Jharkhand	20	55	14
12.	Karnataka	8	2	25

13.	Kerala	1	21	5
14.	Madhya Pradesh	30	10	3
15.	Maharashtra	103	0	0
16.	Manipur	2	0	0
17.	Meghalaya	0	2	1
18.	Mizoram	0	3	0
19.	Nagaland	0	0	2
20.	Orissa	17	9	5
21.	Punjab	7	0	9
22.	Rajasthan	40	43	0
23.	Sikkim	0	0	0
24.	Tamil Nadu	30	19	0
25.	Tripura	2	1	0
26.	Uttaranchal	30	2	9
27.	Uttar Pradesh	150	56	36
28.	West Bengal	13	12	30
	Total	592	345	199

Jammu & Kashmir has set up additional 31 FTCs out of their own resources.